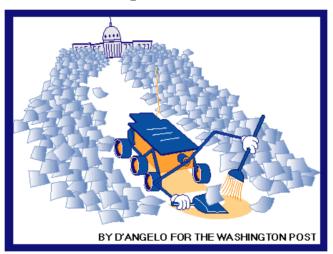
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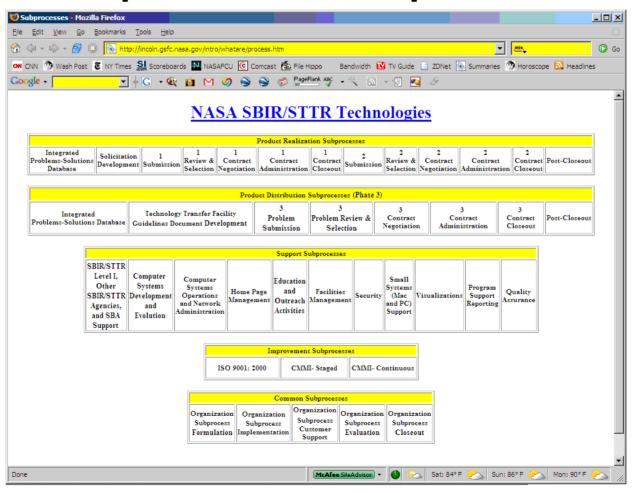




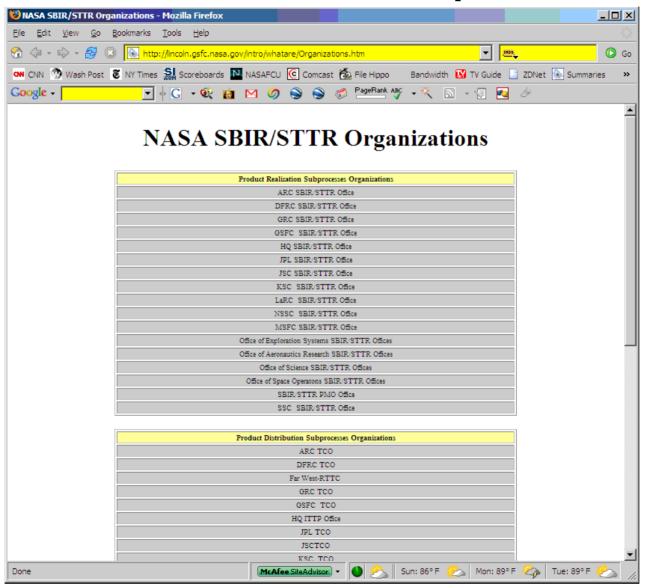
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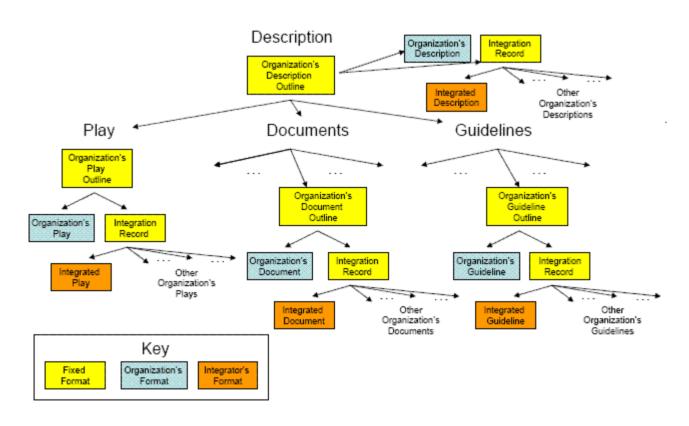
Develop Internet-based tools to support the paperless documentation and management of complex distributed processes.



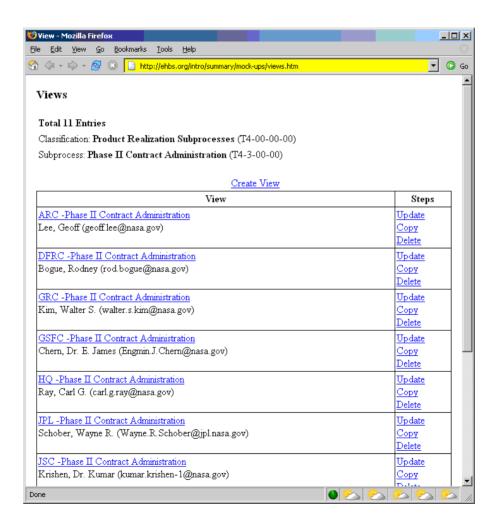
Organizations provide different views of the subprocesses.



Our basic approach is to wrap organization's subprocesses in a common envelope to facilitate learning and inter-organization communication.

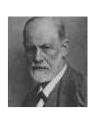


Process Libraries maintain organization's views of the subprocesses.



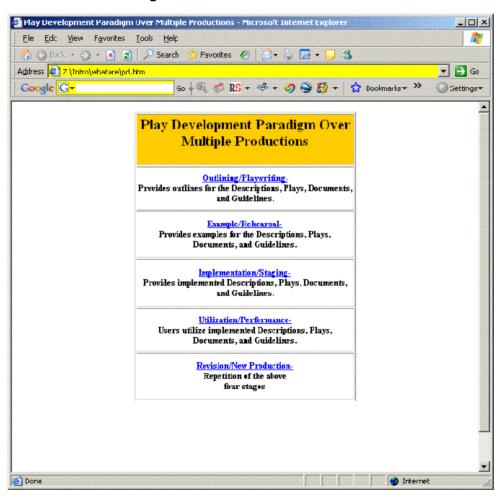


Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) is where Shakespeare meets Freud.

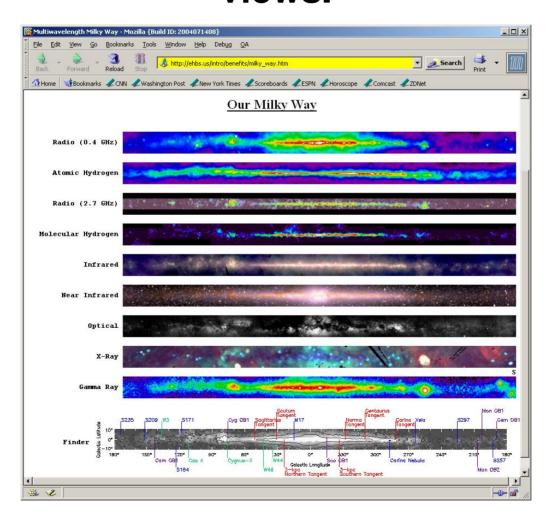


- Subprocesses are represented as "plays" where "actors" communicate thru the Internet. Each organization puts on its own "productions". For each role, EHBs guide actors thru their parts. [Shakespearean]
- Organizations are represented as "teams" having "multiple personalities". Subprocess "plays" provide communication vehicles between members of the same team, different teams, and teams from different processes. [Freudian]

Subprocesses and EHBs are built and revised using the Play Development Paradigm Over Multiple Productions.



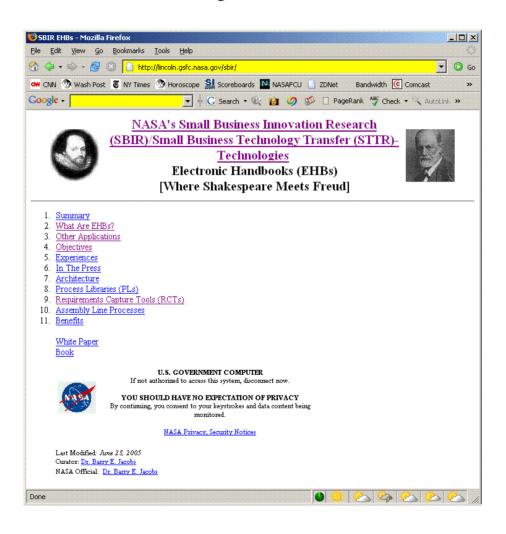
We believe that to truly understand one's universe, one must see it thru multiple "eyes" and also have tools to "communicate" these views.



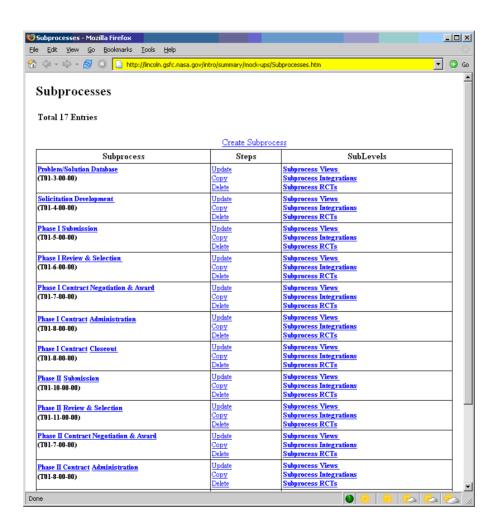
Basic People Principles are supported by the envelope

- Processes determine tools. Tools should help people do their jobs as they see it. Forcing additional tools on people only adds more burdens to their jobs and they will likely ignore them. Additional requirements should be integrated into existing processes.
- Everyone's processes should be supported as best as possible. People see their jobs differently which is often a good thing for process improvement. Tools should facilitate rather than hinder this creativity. At the same time, tools should provide underlying mechanisms for unified multi-Organization data collection.
- Tools are role-based so that data is collected during process execution. As people partake in the processes, the data is automatically entered in the system. If data collection is done after the fact, the quality of the data generally suffers.
- Tools are people-based so that users require minimal training. Determining which steps to use in the tool should be obvious. For each of the substeps (i.e., forms and documents), there should be clear templates, instructions, and samples.
- Tools are web-based so that all users can easily partake. The effort needed to install special software on
 user's computers can take up an enormous amount of resources. This is especially the case if the number of
 participants is large.
- Everyone helps build the tools. Joint ownership in the processes and the underlying systems is crucial for overall acceptance.

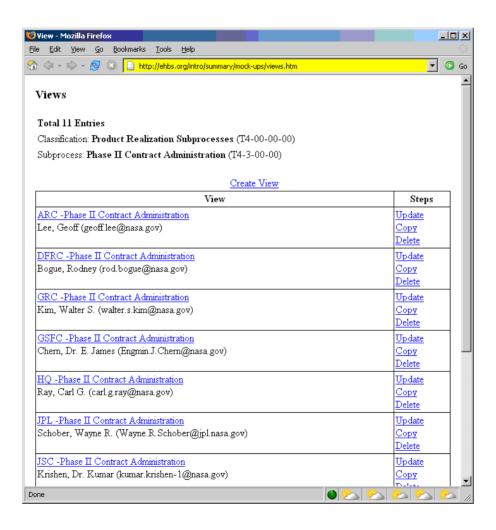
Demonstration Tools introduce the concepts to a community in their terms.



Process Libraries are organized by subprocesses.



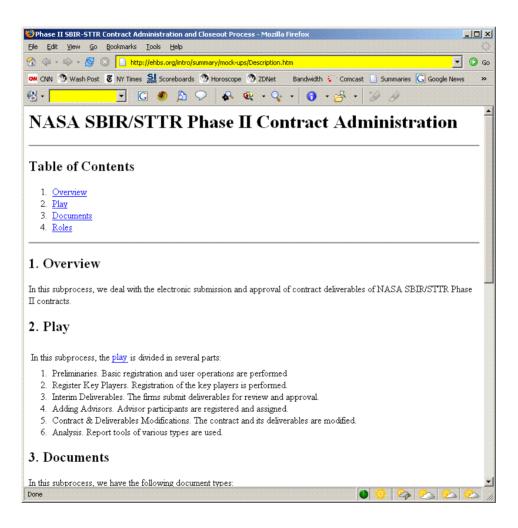
View Tools show how organizations view their subprocesses.



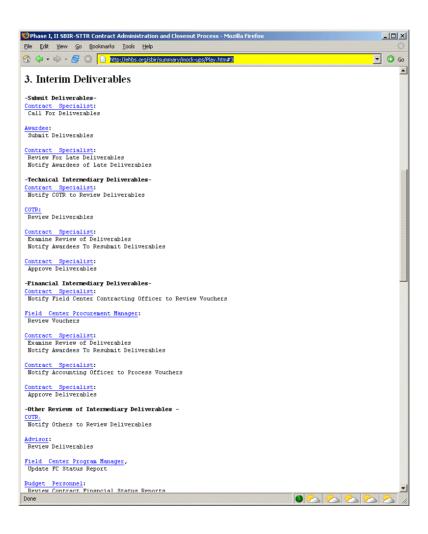
An Organization's View Tool for a subprocess is comprised of four types of components:

Description,
Play,
Documents, and
Guidelines

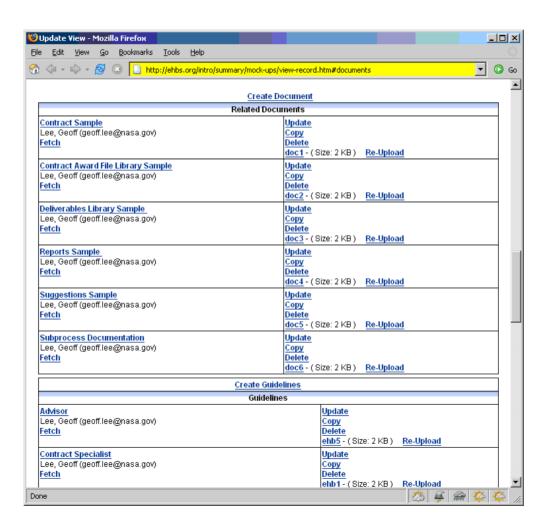
Descriptions summarize subprocesses.



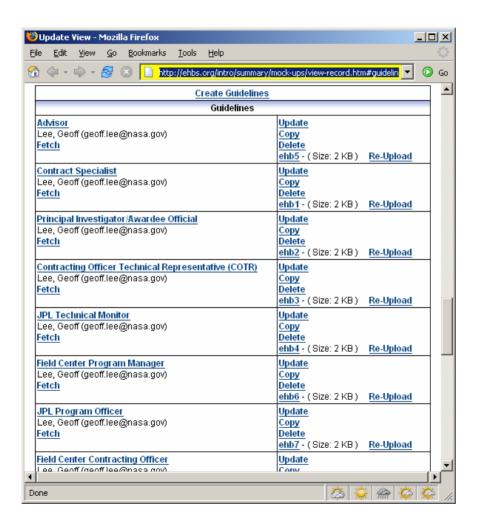
Plays describe subprocess execution.



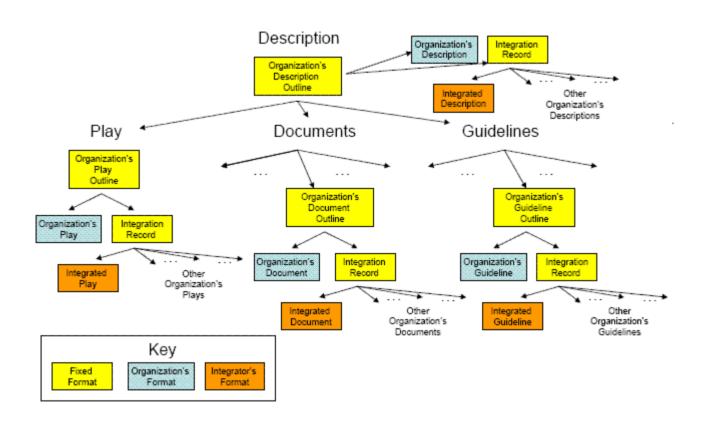
Documents describe subprocess data.



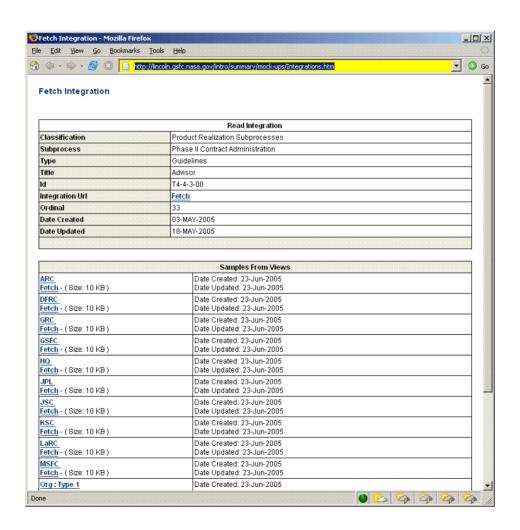
Guidelines describe user subprocesses.



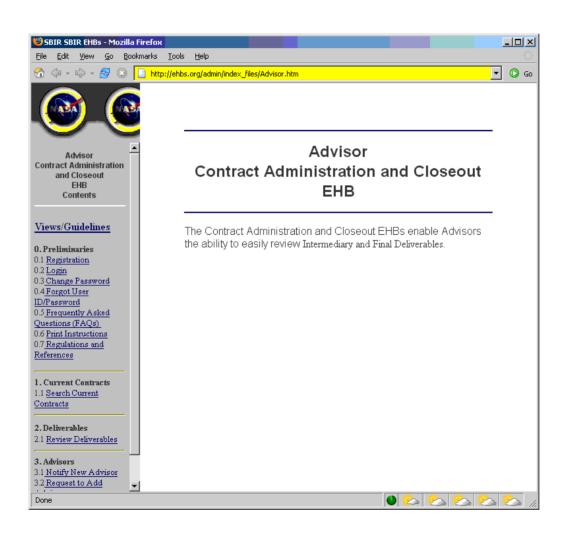
Subprocess View Tools contain the envelope of related files.



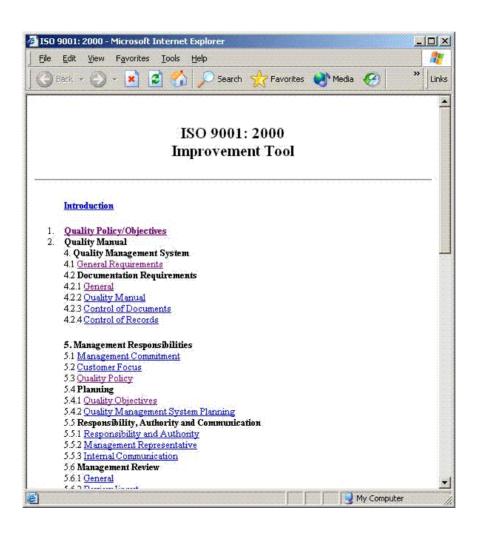
Integration Tools facilitate subprocess integration.



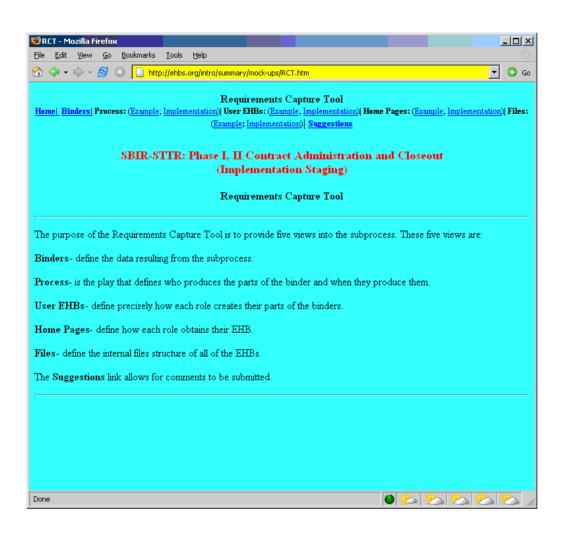
Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) facilitate the execution of subprocesses.

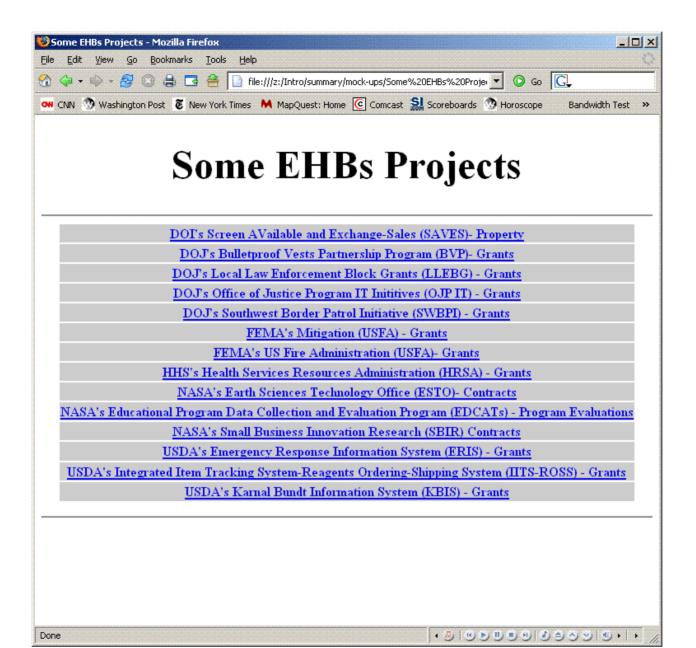


Improvement Tools facilitate process improvement.



Requirements Capture Tools (RCTs) facilitate subprocess view integration.





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Some Effects of Separation

"Men hate each other because they fear each other;

They fear each other because they don't know each other;

They don't know each other because they can't communicate with each other;

They can't communicate with each other because they are separated from each other. "

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. September 3, 1957